

AWC Picks Five Teams For SW Waterfront

The Anacostia Waterfront Corporation (AWC) has selected five development teams for further consideration to negotiate with AWC for the right to redevelop 47 acres of publicly owned land along the Southwest Waterfront that is slated to be transferred to AWC. The short-listed group includes the following development teams:

- EastBanc – LNR Waterfront Partners
- Madison/KSI Waterfront Partners
- PN Hoffman/Streuver Brothers Eccles & Rouse
- SW Waterfront LLC (JBG) The John Buck Company

A copy of the complete list of companies that responded to the RFEI and were considered can be obtained at www.swwaterfrontdc.com.

Southwest Pastor James Butts Dies

By Rev. Ruth Hamilton

On Thursday, June 1, 2006, at home following the Wednesday evening Bible Study, the Rev. Dr. James T. Butts died suddenly. Pastor since May 2000 of the Second Union Baptist Church (Delaware off M SW), the Rev. Butts leaves his beloved wife, Gwendolyn Clarke Butts; six children, his parents, siblings, 11 grandchildren and a host of other close relatives and friends.

The Celebration Service on Friday, June 9 at the church was filled to overflowing with songs of praise to God and tributes to a man of faith who loved music almost as much as he loved preaching the Gospel.

It was Pastor Butts, who on coming to Southwest, began working hard not only to build up a strong congregation at Second Union but also to build a stronger community of neighbors. His mantra was "church unity" and he breathed life again into the Southwest Group Ministry, urging his colleagues to get SW churches to do more things together and help bridge the differences of race and class and denomination. The unity he envisioned included the whole community and he worked with pastors, residents, ANC commissioners, business owners, government officials and the various branches

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The two new headquarters buildings for the US Dept. of Transportation on M St. SE are nearing completion.

Tax Agreement for New DOT Bldg.

The U.S. and private owners of the SE Federal Center will pay the District Government "Payments-in-lieu-of taxes" instead of real property taxes, under an agreement being fashioned by the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation.

At its May 17 meeting the board of AWC adopted a resolution stating that GSA sold to JBG Companies real property on M St. SE where JBG has built the new Department of Transportation buildings. The DOT buildings will "produce millions of dollars in property tax revenues annually. But the DC Council is expected to pass a resolution abating those real property taxes and GSA will be obligated to make "Payments in lieu of taxes". \$140 million in revenue bonds will be issued in anticipation of at least \$10 million a year in payments in lieu of taxes. \$40 million dollars of the bond proceeds will be paid to Forest City Enterprises to build a 5 acre waterfront park. Other projects to be financed by the revenue bonds include "public infrastructure" of the Southwest Waterfront.

The text of AWC's "PILOT" resolution is on its website.

SW Students Perform at Kennedy Center

By Olga Woltman

Voices of Now, a teen drama program culminated twelve weeks of hard work with performances of their original one-act play, *Lost and Found*, at the Arena Stage's Old Vat Room and Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage. The Voices of Now Ensemble is comprised of fifteen Jefferson Junior High School students, selected by audition in the spring.

The students wrote and rehearsed the play with the guidance of the teaching artists from the Arena Stage. Through movement and language, the teens explored loss, faith, fear, confidence, hope, and love, drawing on their personal experiences.

Voices of Now is an Arena Stage initiative for the Southwest community. The youth study improvisation, play-building and acting techniques, with the goal of building an original performance.

Additional performances took place at the students' school and St. Augustine's Church.

Folklife Festival Starts June 30

The annual two-week Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall will start Fri. June 30.

Musical performances, live demonstrations, food, booths and displays will feature three topics: "Alberta [Canada] at the Smithsonian," "Carriers of Culture: Living Native Basket Traditions," and "Nuestra Musica 2006: Latino Chicago."

In addition three evening concerts at 5:30 pm on June 30, July 7 and 8 will pay tribute to the African American musical traditions in the Gulf Coast regions hit by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Waterfront Mall News in Sep.

NCRC has recently reached an agreement with Morgan Stanley Real Estate under which the Wall Street firm will provide NCRC with \$150 million over the next three years. Basically, NCRC will be putting up land and Morgan Stanley will provide equity financing for various NCRC projects. Southwest will not be a major recipient of the financing due to the impending transfer of NCRC's land holdings on the Washington Channel to the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation. The NCRC owns only 20% of the Waterside Mall

project and is still evaluating whether it will use the Morgan Stanley funds there. The District is putting up only a modest amount of funds (\$5-\$7 million per year in the next two years) to make a go of the project, having committed a somewhat larger \$661 million amount to build a baseball stadium in a nearby neighborhood.

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Rec. Open House Thursday, June 22

The King Greenleaf Recreation Center at 1st and N St. S.W. from 7 to 9 pm will host top officials of the Dept. of Parks and Recreations to answer questions from the public about their programs, including summer camps, a summer basketball tournament, safety and cleanliness. This is the chance for Southwest residents to air their complains, suggestions and questions to the officials responsible to the Mayor for their jobs.

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The regular weekly schedule at the SW Library includes:

■ **Story time** for children from infant to 5 year – Tues. & Thurs. mornings at 10:30 am.

■ **Lap Time** – stories, songs and more for infants to 2 years Weds at 11:30 am.

■ **Arts and Crafts** for school age children -Every Wed at 4 pm

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■ **Mr. Derby** – ages 2 – 8 Thurs. June 22 10:30 am

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Southwest Community Calendar June 22 to July 31, 2006

THURS. JUNE 22 Dept. of Parks and Recreations Open House for public comments, King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 1st and N St. SW, 7 pm

FRI. JUNE 23 Teen Night, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 1st and N St. SW, 7 pm

MON. JUNE 26 NO MONTHLY MEETING OF SWNA IN JUNE.

TUES. JUNE 27 DC Comprehensive Plan as it affects SW/SE DC, Kreeger Theater at Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW., 7 pm

TUES. JULY 4, Independence Day holiday

TUES. JULY 4 NO MONTHLY MEETING OF CAC (Police Citizens Advisory Council) in July

WED. JULY 5 deadline for news and ads for Aug. issue The Southwester

MON. JULY 10 NO MONTHLY MEETING OF ANC 6D (SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission) in July

THURS. JULY 20 distribution of the Aug. issue of The Southwester

NO JULY MEETING of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) in July

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

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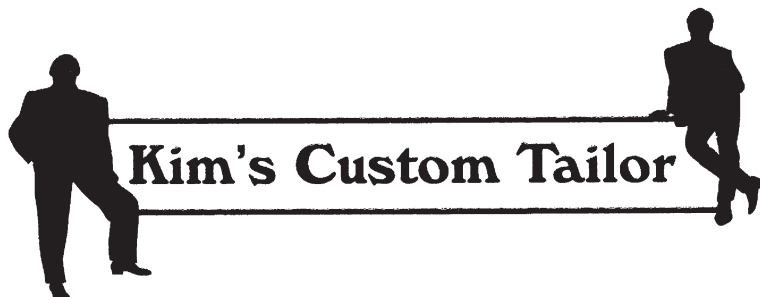
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Outstanding Performance Awards given to those identified in the program as serving in Near Southwest (Police Service Area 104) included Ofc Frank Bauserman, (PSA 104 Officer of the Year), Ofc Justin Branso, Ofc Wallace Cash, Sgt James Crouch, Ofc Allen Gant, Ofc Joseph Gayle, Ofc Emily Hosenbackez, MPO Maurice Thompson, and Lt. Ronald Wilkins.

Citizen Award Recipients included Barbara Ehrlich of the Washington Waterfront Assn., Irv Ganza of the Fourth St. Neighborhood Group, Naomi Monk of SWNA, Vanessa Ruffin of Wythe St. Group and Dale MacIver of The Southwester.

Corporate Awards went to Phillips Flagship Restaurant, represented by Jamal Devance; river Park Friends, represented by Ellen Winship; and the Washington Waterfront Association, represented by Eric Slaughter.

A posthumous award was given to Ofc John Coursey of the Focus Mission Team.

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Club #4 Baseball - 12 and Under

Coaches "Horse," left, and US Army Wylon Gosseck (Coach Red) pose with the 12-and-under baseball team of Club #4. The players: (top row left to right) D. Covington, K. Adams, X. Tate, D. Woods, R. Yarborough, D. Wilson, D. Toney, B. Brown, Front row - M. Butler, D. Graves, M. Washington, R. Robinson.



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Devin Kennedy "Rookie of the Year"

Wilson sophomore Devin Kennedy, SW resident, was named "Rookie of the Year" on the Varsity Outdoor Track Team at Wilson High. He holds the city record for the quarter mile in a time of 52.1 sec.

Michael Burnett Football MVP

Wilson High 10th grader and SW resident Michael Burnett was named Most Valuable Player of the Junior Varsity Football Team. He is a quarterback.

Donald Ferrell "Outstanding"

Wilson High senior and SW resident Donald Ferrell was named the Varsity Football Team "Outstanding Offensive Player." As co-captain and running back, Ferrell is described in the award: "When you needed a first down you would call his number. He was dependable and always gave his best effort."

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June 27th, Plan for SW/ Near SE

By Ron McBee

The DC Office of Planning will make a presentation of that portion of the Comprehensive Plan affecting Near SW/SE (now to be known as the "Anacostia Waterfront area") on June 27th from 6 to 8:30 PM at Kreeger Theatre in Arena Stage, 1101-6th St. SW. Please arrive early to view the maps and our new planning area.

On June 7th at King-Greenleaf Recreation the Office of Planning made a presentation on the Ward 6 Comprehensive Plan. Participants were dismayed to learn the Comprehensive Plan for the District has undergone major realignment. The Plan will no longer be divided by Wards but by 10 distinct areas.

Presented was the "Capitol Hill Area" proposed plan. Individuals from Capitol Hill learned aspects that they have long thought of as their community are now no longer part of "their area." Our SW community and the Near SE are included in the "Anacostia Waterfront area."



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of the police department. For the latter he had a special interest having served as Senior Chaplain of the Capitol Heights Police Department.

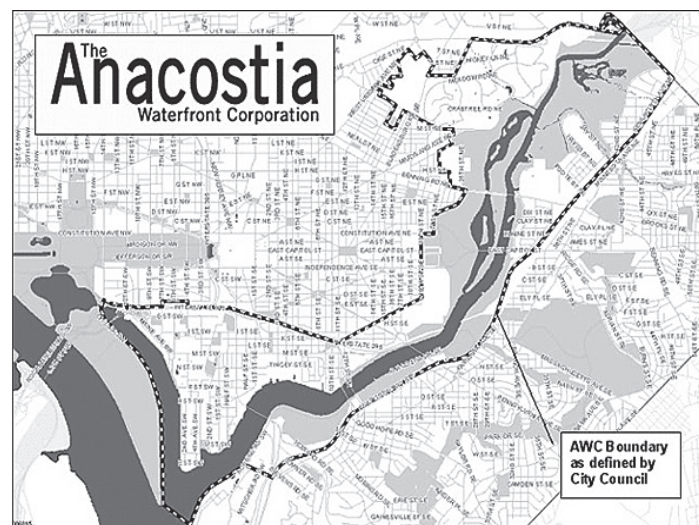
Though desiring to be a preacher since his youth in DC, it was while serving in the US Army in Seattle, Washington that Rev. Butts accepted his call to the Gospel Ministry. He served in many congregations before assuming the pastorate in SW. Pastor Butts motto for the congregation was "So much to do, so little done." Yet in his allotted time he did what he could. Under his leadership Second Union increased in membership and birthed many new ministries, such as the Haircutting Ministry, Outreach Ministries such as SHARE, a Seniors Bible Studies in the Greenleaf Senior Building and 410 M St SE. In addition to being a gifted teacher and preacher he also took care of practicalities such as overseeing the installation of a handicap restroom. He was honored in the September/October issue of the Gospel Today Magazine as one of "2005's Most Loved Pastors Across the Nation."

Pastor Butts was a warm, approachable, and absolutely determined servant of God. His unique style and lovingly outspoken manner made a lasting impression on all he met. As someone said at the church service, he left "this house in order." Second Union will carry on his good work. He will be missed by all in Southwest who labored, prayed and sang with him. He would have been 51 on June 26.

AWC Refinancing H2O at Hogates

The Anacostia Waterfront Corporation will borrow money by issuing \$5.7 million in 3-year revenue bonds to refinance the NCRC debt for rehabing the H2O/Hogate Restaurant in 2001. Security for the bonds will include the H2O property and Gangplank Marina, both of which are being transferred from NCRC to AWC.

In a resolution approving this action the Board of AWC described the Southwest Waterfront Plan as reflecting "a vision of true urban destination, where maritime activity and commerce mixes with culture and housing to form a vibrant neighborhood just steps from the National Mall. The community and political support for the Southwest Plan underscore the importance of the project and its significance to the ongoing revitalization of Washington DC."



Disaster Preparation Hints

By Beryl Carter Rice

Preparing for a Disaster before it happens helps you cope better. One way to prepare is to assemble a DISASTER Supply Kit.

Here are a few suggestions from the Community Emergency Response Team Manual:

WATER – have a supply for three days in unbreakable containers. A gallon of water is needed for each person in the household per day.

FOOD – Store a three day supply of nonperishable foods that do not require refrigeration, preparation, or cooking. These can include ready to eat fruits, vegetables and meats and instant gratifying foods like cereals, peanut butter and

coffee or tea.

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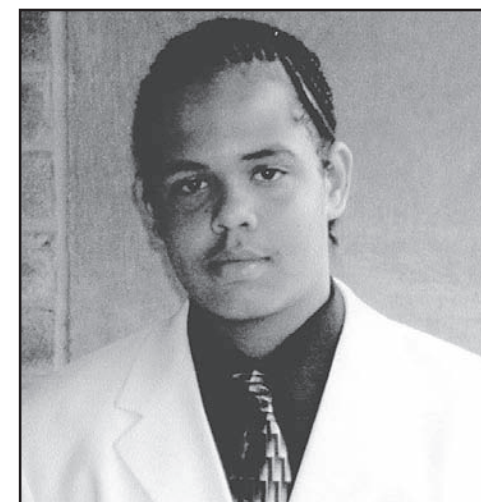
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Dylan F. Griffin recently graduated from Annunciation Catholic School and has enrolled in the ninth grade at St. John's College High School on Military Road, NW. He is the grandson of Southwest's Naomi Monk.

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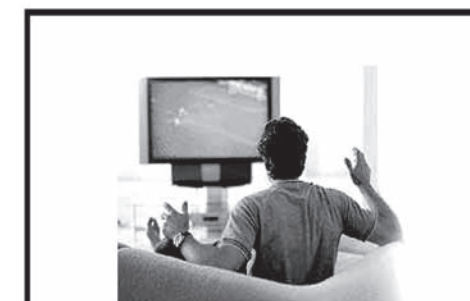
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History of Old Southwest 4th Street

By Perry Klein June 3, 2006

On Sunday, May 21, we were treated to a very interesting walking tour of Old Southwest 4th Street by a former resident, Larry Rosen, who now lives in Rockville. From 1927 to 1943 Mr. Rosen, now 82, lived at 713 4½ St., the home previously occupied by the family of the famous entertainer, Al Jolson.

The tour was along 4th Street between Waterfront (Waterside) Mall and E St. Before being renamed in 1934, 4th St. was called 4½ St. and the street ran through Waterfront Mall, as did K and L Streets. D.C. now plans to rebuild 4th St. within the next couple of years, reconnecting it between I and M Streets, an example of how history can repeat itself.

Mr. Rosen recalled some of his memories growing up in Southwest. As we walked along each block, he named the stores and friends who lived there and told stories about them. There were many "Mom & Pop" shops in the neighborhood, family businesses whose owners often lived above or behind the store.

Schneider's Hardware at 716 4th St. was the subject of a famous court case that went all the way to the Supreme Court. The owners insisted that their hardware store served the community and shouldn't be demolished to make way for redevelopment. But the Supreme Court ruled that the Redevelopment Land Agency could destroy private buildings in order to improve the overall neighborhood. This established the precedent that even today was the basis for demolishing the businesses and houses in near-Southeast to make way for the National's new ball park.

Potomac Place, 800 4th St., now occupies the block where Schneider's Hardware once stood. Isn't it ironic that Southwest is today without a hardware store?

The Southwest Heritage Trail has no less than six historic markers along 4th St., each giving tidbits about the history of our neighborhood. For those not



Larry Rosen, who grew up in Southwest in the 1930s, poses before SW Heritage Trail Marker #4 at 4th and I St. SW. The picture on the marker is of his father, (2nd from left, in white coat) who prepared kosher chickens in a shop on old 4th St. SW.

familiar with it, the SW Heritage Trail is a self-guided walking tour composed of 17 illustrated historical markers. Trail Marker #4 located on the West side of 4th St., midway between G and I Streets has a photo of Mr. Rosen's father, who used to provide kosher chickens in the neighborhood, and Larry explained that he used to help deliver them. The same Marker #4 also talks about Al Jolson and mentions that he starred in the first "Talking" motion picture, *The Jazz Singer*.

There are details on the SW Heritage Trail on Cultural Tourism DC's web-site at www.culturaltourismdc.org. Click on "Tours & Trails" at the top of the page and then go to *River Farms to Urban Towers: Southwest Heritage Trail* for complete information, including the trail map and trail booklet, which can now be downloaded and printed.

If you haven't yet explored it, the SW Heritage Trail is well worth checking out!

The complete speech by Larry Rosen is on the SW web-site www.swdc.org. Select the "about swdc" tab at the top. Then select "SWDC History" and click on "History" in the page.

Young Mike Locksley "Top Offensive Threat"

Former Southwest student Michael Locksley Jr. is leading his high school basketball team in Champaign, Illinois in scoring. He moved there with his father Michael Locksley, formerly a young star on SW teams and now top offensive football coach of the University of Illinois at Champaign.

In the News-Gazette in Champaign, sports writer Jeff Huth reports, "In the Charger's last seven games, the 5-foot-10 junior is averaging 16.4 points — never producing fewer than 12.... 'He's just got a knack for scoring, and he doesn't force it,' his coach is quoted as saying.

Huth's article continues, "In particular, Locksley has displayed a knack for knocking down the outside shot. He's shooting 42.5 percent from three-point range... Whether spotting up on the perimeter in transition or utilizing picks in a half court attack, he's been adept at springing free for good looks at the basket."

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DC Council Member Jim Graham, far left, and SWNA President Marge Maceda, far right, flanked a panel of experts speaking on the rights of tenants, at a meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

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